

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, the continuing data required by 37 CFR § 1.78 is provided.

The present Divisional application presents new claims 1-5 for examination. It is noted that these claims correspond to the allowed claims 16 and 22-25 of the parent application, except for the introductory language in each of the present claims 1-5. In particular, the presently submitted claims 1-5 are directed to the features of the invention shown, for example, in Figs. 16A-16B and discussed, for example, beginning on page 44, line 4 et seq. for a semiconductor device incorporated into a power IC for an automobile engine control unit. This portion of the specification also defines the feature set forth, for example, in claims such as claim 2 of the rated breakdown voltage of the semiconductor device being higher than 40 volts. Accordingly, in light of the fact that the present claims contain the same limitations as claims 16 and 22-25 of the parent application, determined to be allowable, except for the introductory language thereof, and in light of the support for the features of the claims directed to a power IC for an automobile engine control unit, in accordance with Fig. 16A and 16B, allowance of these newly presented claims 1-5 in this Divisional application is earnestly solicited.

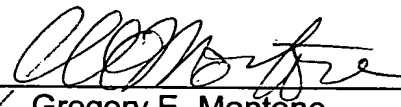
Also by the present amendment, the drawings have been amended to label Figs. 2A and 2B as prior art, in response to the requirement to do so set forth in the Notice of Allowability.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments and examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 500.41498VV2).

Respectfully submitted,

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